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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Brian YANG *et al.*

Serial Number: 09/414,518

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Group Art Unit: 2644

Examiner: L. Grier

For: Time-Division Method For Playing Multi-Channel Voice Signals

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated May 10, 2002. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 4, as indicated by the clean copy of amended claims 1, 3, and 4 in Appendix A, attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included in Appendix B, also attached hereto.

Please cancel claims 5-12, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute therefor new claims 13-27, as presented in Appendix A.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Rejection of Claims 5-12 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 5-12.

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Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a communication previously submitted.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims		¹	³	× \$ 9 =	× \$ 18 =
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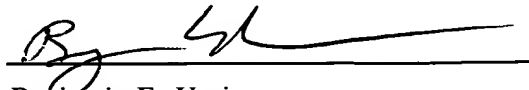
Appendix A - clean copy of amended claims

Appendix B - marked up copy of amended claims

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